## **REMARKS**

Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-25 are pending in this application. Claims 4, 6, 8, 10, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 24 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. The priority claim has also been recited and an Abstract has been submitted. In addition "connection device" has been changed to –releasable fastener—to more clearly avoid 35 U.S.C. § 1, ¶6 in the specification and claims 1, 2 and 4...

An early and favorable review on the merits of this national phase application is earnestly solicited.

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